

11-1-A
Poston, Arizona

Oct. 18, 1942

Mr. Stillson Judah
Librarian
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Judah:

Received of your letter of October 6 and thank you very much for your friendly and Considerate suggestion in regard to the Charles Holbrook Library. Although I don't have any experience of being a librarian, shall be glad to do my part in order to be of some service to my fellow ministers.

Tomorrow afternoon, we shall have our ministerial meeting and we shall discuss the matter more thoroughly, after that I may be able to write to you more fully. Only difficulty I can see now is that Poston contains three camps which are located three to seven miles apart from each other. Yet, this is not unovermountable obstacle. So far as we know there are three Methodists, one Congregational and Disciples each.

With the sincerest regards to our friends in Christ I am

Yours obediently,

Masatane Mitani

February 5, 1943.

The Rev. Masatani Mitani
11-1-K
Poston, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Mitani:

It has been a long time since I first and lastly heard from you, but I have some good news for you now, and am taking this occasion to tell you of it.

I am shipping off to you four boxes of books. These will form a semi-permanent library in your camp for the ministers and church workers. After about three months you will be given directions for shipping these to some other camp, and at that time you will receive an entirely new collection from another camp. The postage will be paid by us. In this way you will have access to many books before long, and this rotation process will continue for the "duration.". At different times I shall send you additional new books to add to this collection. I have received the cooperation of ten other seminaries and universities so far, who are lending books from their libraries to make up collections for all the various WRA camps in the U.S.

Since most of the books are the property of some library, I know you will want to be sure to know who is reading each book, so that you may have all books returned to you at the time you are to ship them on. Therefore yours will now be the responsibility of seeing that no books are lost. I suggest that you have each one who is reading a book away from the library sign his name to a piece of paper, and write down on it the author and title of the book. When the book is returned, the paper may then be destroyed. I am enclosing a check-list of all the books in your collection. You will keep this until the books are sent on to another camp, at which time it should be sent along with the books.

If there are any questions I should be glad to have you write me, and I shall try to answer them. You probably know that I have Paul Nagano representing us in another camp at Poston. He has a collection which I had Chicago Theological Seminary send him. If there are other books ~~with~~ on the regular Holbrook Library Loan Service lists which you and the ministers of your camp would like to read please let me know.

With deep appreciation for your cooperation with me, and hoping to be of increasingly better service to you I am

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah, Librarian.

February 26, 1943.

The Rev. M. Mitani
11-1-A
Poston, Arizona.

We have been fortunate in securing funds to purchase new books for the WRA camp libraries. These new books will be in part, current books, and in part, books selected from a large bibliography of books which represent what the professors of three theological seminaries consider the basic books in each field of the Christian religion. Thus other books both current and basic are being ordered for all the other camps, and each camp has its portion of books from this bibliography.

I have already placed the orders for the new books, and they will be sent directly from the publishers to you. They are:

Jones. Abundant Living.
Sweet. Story of Religions in America.

When these books arrive please write plainly on the inside of the front cover "WRA Camp Library". These books are to be a part of your semi-permanent library, so print carefully the authors and titles of these on your check-list sheet.

Hoping that these books will give you and the other Japanese Christian ministers and church workers in your camp many hours of interesting and profitable reading I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah, Librarian.

5/28/43

Dear Mr. Judah:

Your letter of May 21
has been here while I was
away for a few days. As
soon as I have read your
letter, have notified all
the ministers to submit
their choice by coming
Monday (May 31).

Shall write you on
Monday as I receive their
list. Thank you for your
continuous interest in our
behalf. M. Mitani

11-1-A
Poston, Ariz.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Stillson Judah
The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scientific Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.



11-1-A
Poston, Arizona

June 2, 1943

Dr. Stillson Judah
Librarian
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Science Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

~~Stillson Judah~~

Poston No. 1
Rev. Sohier Rountree

Dear Mr. Judah:

We list the following books which we should like to be added to our library. Thank you for your continuous interest in behalf of our ministers.

1. "We Cannot Escape History", by John T. Whitaker
Macmillan Co., N.Y.
1943
\$3.50
2. "The Screwtape Letters", by C.S. Lewis,
Macmillan Co., N.Y.
1943
\$1.50
3. "A.T. Robertson, A Biography", by
Everett Gill, The Macmillan Co., N.Y.
1943
\$2.75
4. "Poems for Life", by T.C. Clark,
Willetts, Clark & Co., Chicago
1942
\$2.50

13. \$2.00
5. "The Realistic Philosophy of Religion", by
A. Campbell Garnett, Wilett, Clark & Co., Chicago
1942
\$3.00
 6. "The New Order in the Church", by Wm A. Brown,
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press,
1943
\$1.50
 7. "The Healing of the Waters", by A.N. Wilder,
Harper and Bro., N. Y.
1943
\$2.50
 8. "With the Master, A Book of Meditation", By
Philippe Vernier, Fellowship Pub., N.Y.
1943
\$0.75
 9. "The Development of Collective Enterprises",
by Seba Eldridge, Univ. of Kansas Press, Kansas.
1943
\$4.50
 - 8.¹⁰ "New Eyes for Invisible", by Rufus M. Jones,
The Macmillan Co., N.Y.
1943
\$2.25
 9. "Singapore is Silent", by George Weller,
Harcourt, Brace & Co.,
1943
\$3.75
 - 10.¹¹ "There is a River", by Thomas Sugrue,
Henry Holt & Co..
1943
\$3.50
 - 11.¹² "Christian Bases of World Order", Menick Lect.
Abingdon Cokesbury Press.
1943
\$2.00
 12. "The Historic Church and Modern Pacifism"
by Humphrey Lee, Abingdon Cokesbury Press.
1943
\$2.00
- 36.00

13. ¹⁵ "Forms and Freedom in Worship", by Clarence Seidenstücker,
Willett, Clark & Co., Chicago
1941

\$ 2.00

14. ¹⁶ "The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons", by
C. S. Patton, Willett, Clark & Co., Chicago.
1938

\$ 2.00

15. ¹⁷ "It's Your Soul We Want", by Stewart W. Herman, Jr.,
Harper & Brothers, N.Y.
1943

\$ 3.00

16. ¹⁸ "The Japanese Enemy", by Hugh Byas,
Alfred A. Knopf, N.Y.
1942

\$ 1.25

17. ¹⁹ "Cooperative Plenty", by J. Elliot Ross,
B. Herder Book Co., St. Louis, Mo.
1941

\$ 2.00

18. ²⁰ "Skeleton of Justice", by Edith Roper and
Clara Leiser, Dutton & Co., N.Y.
1941

\$ 3.00

Sincerely,

Macatone Antanis

October 15, 1943

Rev. Schoi Kowta
12-8-B
Unit 1
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kowta:

I am sure that you are familiar with the collection of books which we have sent to your camp for the use of the ministers and church workers in the camp. Since the Rev. M. Mitani, who had been our representative in your camp has been relocated, the Rev. Gordon Chapman has suggested that I write to you in regard to being our new representative. If you should be too busy to undertake this responsibility, would you please turn this letter and the instructions over to someone who would be able to handle it?

This position requires only that the representative should act as a contact between our library and the ministers and Christian members of your camp, should take the responsibility of discovering the needs and desires in the way of books, should be responsible in seeing that books are not lost, and finally that the books are sent to another camp when such instructions come from this library.

It is now our plan to rotate all of the collections in the twelve W.R.A. camps. Since we do not have funds to defray the postage we are asking the cooperation of each camp to take care of this cost amounting to about \$1.50 to \$2.00.

We are having the collection at Lamar, Colorado, sent to you, and we ask you to pack and send your collection to

Rev. Royden Susu-Mago
52-1-A, Gila River Relocation Project, Rivers, Arizona

Please check the books with the check list of books which should be found in the camp library, and mail the list along with the books, so that the recipient of the collection will know what books are expected to be in the collection. You in turn should receive such a list with the collection arriving from Lamar.

I am ordering the following books for your camp library, books which were requested by Mr Mitani:

Whitaker, We Cannot Escape History
Lewis, The Screwtape Letters
Gill, A. E. Robertson, A Biography
Clark, Poems for Life

Garnett, The Realistic Philosophy of Religion
Brown, The New Order in the Church
Wilder, The Healing of the Waters
Vernier, With the Master, a Book of Meditation
Eldridge, The Development of Collective Enterprise
Jones, New Eyes for Invisibles
Weller, Singapore is Silent
Sugrue, There is a River
Christian Bases of World Order
Lee, The Historic Church and Modern Pacificism
Seidenspinner, Forms and Freedom in Worship
Patton, The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons
Herman, It's Your Soul We Want
Byas, The Japanese Enemy
Ross, Cooperative Plenty
Roper and Leiser, Skeleton of Justice
Ashton, The Church and its Music
Carledge, A Conservative Introduction to the Old Testament
Hough, Living Democracy
Pratt, Can We Keep Faith?
Niebuhr, Human Destiny
Hewitt, Highland Shepherds
Fosdick, On Being a Real Person
Luccock, Acts of the Apostles
Stamm, Conversations of Jesus
Yates, Preaching from the Prophets

When the books arrive they should have "W.R.A. Camp Library" printed carefully on the inside of the front cover, and notification of their receipt made to this library.

Thanking you for any trouble you may take in our behalf, and hoping to hear from either you or someone as capable of being our representative, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah
Librarian

JSJ:mh

December 15, 1943

Rev. Sohei Kowta
12-3-B
Unit 1
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kowta:

I have not heard whether the transfer of books from Lamar to your camp, and from your camp to Rivers, was completed successfully. I hope no difficulties arose.

Have you received the books which were ordered for you? If you have will you please send me the titles so that I can check them on my list.

We now have enough money in hand so that more books can be purchased for the various collections. Will you please ask your Christian coworkers to assist you in making a list of books to be added to your collection? I would like to have the list as soon as possible as the publishers are slow in filling orders.

Thanking you for your cooperation in these matters, and wishing you every happiness in the Christmas season, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah
Librarian

JSJ:mh

The First Christian Church of Boston

RECREATION HALL 19

POSTON, ARIZONA

January 6, 1944

Mr. Stillman Judah, Librarian
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Judah;

I am in receipt of your communication of December 15th. I beg your pardon for the undue delay in answering it.

When I visited the Gila Center in November, I took the books, the list of which is included in this letter, to Rev. Royden Sasu-Mago 52-1-A Rivers, Arizona. At that time there were about 15 books missing, although we have found 4 books since then. It seems to me, that the books in the missing list will not be returned to us, and our church here ought to pay for them. If you would let us know the amount, we should pay, we would be very happy to send you the amount.

This unfortunate thing happened because of the particular condition here in the office. Our Office building is used by different parties and it is very difficult for us to keep things in order, and because of this experience we shall keep the new books we are receiving from you in another room so that we shall not repeat this unhappy experience anymore.

During the past week or so, we have been getting your books we ordered sometime ago. We have so far received about 15 new books.

The 4 books I have been able to get after I took the books to Gila, will be sent to that center today.

We have not received the collections of your books from the Granada Relocation Center at Lamar, Colorado as yet, and I shall write the church at that center regarding the matter.

Thank you for your generous help. I assure you that your work is a great help, for the Ministers in the centers who need Spiritual and Intellectual stimulus in their work. I am

Very gratefully yours,

Sonei Kowta

Rev. Sonei Kowta, Moderator

P/S Rev. Sasu-Mago is resettled in Denver, and I think that the Library in that Center is in charge of Rev. John Yamasaki.

The First Christian Church of Poston

RECREATION HALL 19

POSTON, ARIZONA

Jan. 25, 1944

Mr. Stillson Judah,
Pacific School of Religion,
1799 Scenic Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Judah:

All the books that we ordered through you, except Eldridge's "The Development of Collective Enterprise" have been received from the different publishers, and I want to thank you for your help in securing these books. I am taking care of them personally and I am certain that this time we shall not lose any of them. The place we kept the other books ~~was~~ not a safe place, as I explained in my last letter. Besides, in the period of resettlement, we have changed our secretaries and I must confess to you that we have not been very efficient in this particular task. However, because of this unpleasant and undesirable experience, we shall take good care of these new books which you have so kindly secured for us.

We have not received the books from the Granada Center. They are rather slow in sending them to us.

The above-mentioned book by Eldridge is not needed here. And if you have not ordered it, please cancel it. Rev. Mitani ~~was~~ interested in this kind of books, but we "ordinary ministers" do not feel the need of the kind so keenly. But if you have ordered that book already, please let it go, without troubling yourself further.

There are some good books which our ministers would like to have, if the fund is sufficient. Could you give me approximately how many books this church can get? ~~urch~~ can we get?

As I mentioned in my last letter, we shall be glad to pay for the books that we lost here. Will you in your letter tell us what to do about the matter?

Thanking you again for your interest in the ministers of the Centers, I am

Very cordially yours,

Lohei Kowta

The First Christian Church of Poston

RECREATION HALL 19

POSTON, ARIZONA

February 12, 1944

Mr. Stillson Judah,
Pacific School of Religion,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Judah:

Thank you very much for your-s of Feb. 8.

Although you state that you do not know how much money you can allot to each camp, I hasten to place the following for your consideration, and action, too!

Order list

< "Amen, Amen" by Ensign Constantino, Jr. Harpers & Brother
"Rebuilding Our World" by Willard Sperry, "
"Contemporary Thinking About Jesus" compiled by
Thomas Kepler, Abingdon-Cokesbury.
"From Victory to Peace" by Hutchinson, Willett, Calrk.
"Handles of Power" by Lewis Dunnington, Abingdon-Cokesbury

to

Since many young men are soon be drafted , I am anxious to introduce the book "Amen, Amen" as soon as possible to pur young people. If we could get this particualr volume soon, we would appreciate very much.

Thanking you for your continued interest in the welfare of our people, especially of the ministers, I am

Very gratefully yours,

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February 8, 1944

Rev. Sohei Kowta
12-3-B
Unit 1
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kowta:

In reply to your letters of January 6 and 25, I am glad that you are working out a satisfactory arrangement for the loan collection. It has not as yet been decided how to handle the matter of replacing lost books. Several centers have had trouble keeping track of the books, but I am hoping they will follow your example and work out a proper system.

The reason that you have not received the collection from the Granada center is that, through a misunderstanding, the books were returned to Iliff School of Theology (which had loaned them) instead of being forwarded to you. I have written Iliff and asked them to send the books to you. In the meantime you should have received a number of new books sent to the Granada center direct from the publishers. If you do not receive them shortly please let me know.

The book by Eldridge has already been ordered. Perhaps one of you will find it of value.

I have not had time to work out the exact amount which will be allotted to each camp for new books. I would suggest that you send a rather full list with a star in front of the names of those especially wanted.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Stillson Judah
Librarian

JSJ:mh

17 March 1944

Rev. Sohei Kowta, 12-3-A
Poston Relocation Project, Unit 1
Poston, Arizona

Dear Rev. Kowta:

As successor to Mr. Judah I have the responsibility of administering the religious libraries which have been sent to the various relocation camps. Although I have been studying the correspondence, there are still many gaps in my knowledge of what has transpired, so I hope you will be patient with me if I ask questions that you have already answered.

I send from your letter of February 28 the collection of books bet. Poston, Unit 1 of this year's correspondence out to know where the camp the book lists on as I have to the camp, did not little better in hand. hear from you soon?

Camps where books you were to receive did not send them

Very sincerely yours,

Norothy Felter, Librarian

(1)
12-3-A, Poston, Arizona,
March 20, 1944

Dear Miss Felter:

Thank you for your letter. We have not received the collection of books from the Granada Center as yet. I do not know why they haven't. Our collection was sent to the Gila Center in November last year.

Sincerely yours,

Lohei Kowta



In your l^r
of Feb 12 you
requested certain
titles, which
I shall consider
them as 46

Boston ①

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Dorothy Felter,

1798 Science Ave.,

Berkeley, Calif.

You should have
received a collection
of books from
The Library of the
Theological Seminary of
wrote that they
were sending them.
These are the books
which sh. have been
sent to you by the
Granada group (Amesbury)
(Public School of Religion)

24 March 1944

Rev. Sohei Kowta
12-3-A, Unit 1
Poston, Arizona

Dear Rev. Kowta:

You should have received a collection of books from The Iliff School of Theology, to take the place of your original collection. Have these arrived?

You will not be receiving a collection of books from the Granada Center.

Regarding the list of new books which you wanted to order, I am very sorry to have to tell you that the ordering has been delayed due to pressure of work and the necessity of my becoming familiar with the status of things in regard to the camp libraries.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Felter, Librarian

Porton, Ariz.
Mar. 28, 1944

Dear Miss Peters:-
your letter received. We have not
received the collection of books from the
Staff School of Theology as yet.

Sincerely yours,
John Kewte

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Miss Dorothy Feltz,
1798 Scenic Ave,
Berkeley, Calif.

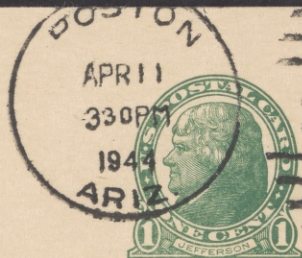
Porton, Ariz.
April 11, 1944

Dear Miss Felton: -

Just to let you know that two
boxes of books have just arrived from
the Div. Theo. Seminary, Denver. Having no
secretary, I cannot tell you just now what
books have arrived. Will notify you as
soon as possible.

Thank you. Lohi Kowta

S. Kowalski
12-3-a
Roston.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Dorothy Felton
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Lencier Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

5 May 1944

Rev. S. Kowta, 12-3-A
Poston Relocation Camp
Unit 1
Poston, Arizona

Dear Rev. Kowta:

This letter is to announce the next rotation of WRA camp libraries sponsored by the theological schools. It is scheduled to take place on the first of June. I am very sorry not to be able to give you more time to read the collection you recently received from Iliff School of theology. It is necessary that all the camps rotate their collections at once, so that none may be without books more than a few days. I presume you realize that it was due to an error that the books you now have were sent to Iliff in the first place. Had instructions been followed, they would have been sent directly to you, and you would not have been without a collection for so long a time.

I shall try to give clear instructions in this letter, which if followed, should enable the exchange to be made without difficulty. Please read carefully the following instructions in regard to the rotation:

You are to gather up all the books that belong in your present collection, check them with the list you have of the books in that collection, or if you have no list, make one of the books that you have, box them, and have them ready to send to Heart Mountain. The address is Rev. Donald Toriumi, 30-9-F, Heart Mountain Relocation Project, Cody, Wyoming. Send them about the first of June, either by parcel post or express, whichever is cheaper. I am enclosing a mailing label which will give you the address to which you are to send the books. I should appreciate it if you would send a list of the books to Heart Mountain, so that they will know what books they are supposed to have.

You will receive a collection of books from Poston, Unit 2. I am enclosing a list of the books they are to send you. Keep this list as an aid in checking, in case Poston II does not forward its list to you when you receive the new collection. You need do nothing in regard to the books that are to be sent to you. I shall make all the necessary arrangements.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Felter, Librarian

The First Christian Church of Poston

RECREATION HALL 19

POSTON, ARIZONA

June 26, 1944

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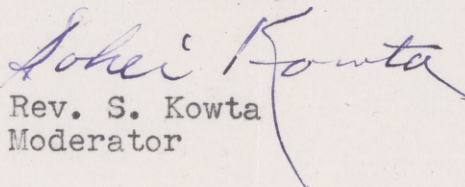
Dear Miss Felter:

This letter is to inform you that I have sent 2 boxes of books to Heart Mountain Relocation Center on the first part of June.

I am enclosing a list of books that I have sent to Heart Mountain.

Sincerely yours,

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF POSTON


Rev. S. Kowta
Moderator